TB 2009-11: New Waiver PACE Program Effective 05/08/09

The Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) waiver program is being implemented in TEAMS effective May 8, 2009. Waiver PACE (WP) spans should only be entered by staff in Yellowstone County.

The following information is being provided primarily for the Yellowstone County OPA staff.

Waiver Client Information (WACI) Screen

Effective May 8, the WACI screen will allow entry of a new waiver code of WP (Waiver PACE). The earliest START date WACI will accept for WP is 110108. The WP waiver code span will not be allowed to overlap with:

- 1. Any other waiver code span on WACI
- 2. Any MT State Hospital span on WACI or
- 3. Any nursing home span on NUHS.

Figure 1 shows an example of the WACI screen with the new WP code.

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Figure 1 - WACI Screen

WACI Error Messages

WAIVER CODE SPAN FOR WP CANNOT START BEFORE 11/01/08

(- Displays if a WP span is entered with a START date prior to November 1, 2008.)

PERSON HAS OVERLAPPING WAIVER ELIGIBILITY DATES

(- Displays if any waiver spans overlap other waiver spans on the WACI screen.)

WAIVER CODE MUST BE WA, WD, WO, OR WM (AFTER 1/01/07)

(- Displays if an invalid waiver code is entered with a START date prior to 110108. This is an existing message.)

WAIVER CODE MUST BE WA, WD, WO, WM, OR WP (AFTER 11/01/08)

(-Displays if an invalid waiver code is entered with a START date of 110108. or later. This is a new message.)

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PERSON HAS OVERLAPPING WP WAIVER AND NURSING HOME SPANS (-Displays if the span entered on WACI overlaps with an existing span on the NUHS screen)

Note: The WACI screen will not require the WP span to cover the full benefit month; however, WP spans should be entered to start on the first day of the month, and ended the last day of the month (unless the client passed away prior to the end of the month, in which case the end date is the date of death). However, if a WP span covers one or more days in the benefit month being issued, the benefit for PACE will be for the whole month. (This is different from the existing codes used on WACI.)

Note: WACI will <u>not</u> display an error if a WP span is added for a person who is not coded IN on MA-SA, - SB, -SD, -WA, or -WD. Instead, the person will simply not be included in the interface to MMIS for Waiver PACE.

On-line help for the CODE field on the WACI screen is being updated.

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FIELD: WAIVER CODES
       WAIVER CLIENT CODES
FOR THE WM WAIVER, PLEASE REFER TO ABD MEDICAID POLICY MANUAL
IN SECTION 1000 FOR THE RELATED POLICY.
THESE ARE THE VALID CODES FOR WAIVER ELIGIBILITY.
     CODE DESCRIPTION
       WM WAIVER MENTAL - FOR BOTH ADULT AND CHILD WAIVERS.
          ADULT SDMI, AGE 18+ SEVERE AND DISABLING MENTAL ILLNESS
           CHILD PRTF, AGE 6-16 PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT
                      FACILITY
       WA WAIVER AGED
       WD WAIVER DISABLED
       WO WAIVER OTHER - WAIVERS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEVELOPMENTAL
          DISABILITIES PROGRAM
       WP WAIVER PACE FOR INDIVIDUALS 55 AND OVER ENROLLED IN THE PACE
          PROGRAM. ONLY USED BY YELLOWSTONE COUNTY
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Nursing Home Span Information (NUHS) Screen

The NUHS screen will display the error message, PERSON HAS OVERLAPPING WP WAIVER AND NURSING HOME SPAN, if a nursing home span is entered that overlaps an existing WP waiver code on the WACI screen.

Policy Note: If a PACE individual enters a nursing home, they do not automatically leave the PACE program. They would continue to be served by PACE, unless the OPA received disenrollment from the PACE team. For TEAMS, this mean you would leave the WP span on WACI and not enter the nursing home span on NUHS unless the person is disenrolled from PACE.

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MA Eligibility Determination (MAED) Screen and SSI Authorization (SSIA) Screen

When a Medicaid program is closed and a person has an open WP waiver span on WACI, the WP span on WACI will be ended and the MAED and SSIA screens will display a warning message: WACI WP SPAN HAS BEEN CLOSED. The END date of the WP span on WACI will be the same as the end date of the MA program (as displayed on the DECA screen).

Delete Case (DECA) Screen

When a person has a WP waiver span that is open to 9's and the Medicaid program he or she is an IN participant on is deleted using DECA, the person's WP span on WACI will be deleted or end dated. If the start date of the WP waiver on WACI is:

- 1. On or after the start date of the program being deleted, the WP waiver will be deleted.
- 2. Before the start date of the program being deleted, the end date of the WP waiver will be changed to the start date of the program being deleted.

Incurment (INCU) Screen and Waiver Benefit Determinator (WABD) Screen

When MA-WA, -WD, or -WO eligibility is being determined, TEAMS currently requires a WA, WD, or WO span on WACI for at least one day during the benefit month.

When these changes are implemented, when MA-WA or -WD eligibility is being determined, TEAMS will also allow authorization if there is a WP span on WACI for at least one day during the benefit month. (When MA-WO eligibility is being determined, TEAMS will still require a WA, WD, or WO span on WACI; a WP code on WACI will not allow authorization.)

Therefore, the existing error message: TM901711 - WA, WD, OR WO WAIVER ELIGIBILITY PERIOD MUST BE SET UP ON WACI will continue to display for:

- 1. the WO subtype and
- 2. for benefit months prior to November 2008 with a WA or WD subtype.

The following message will display for WA and WD subtypes starting with the benefit month of November 2008: WA, WD, WO, OR WP WAIVER ELIGIBILITY PERIOD MUST BE SET UP ON WACI.

Redetermination Forms

Clients on a WP waiver will receive the "nursing home" style of redetermination forms.